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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Sir:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction dated
December 1, 2005, Applicants elect to prosecute Claims 1-4,
9-12, and 17-18, without traverse. Claims 5-8 and 13-16 are
hereby withdrawn from consideration.

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